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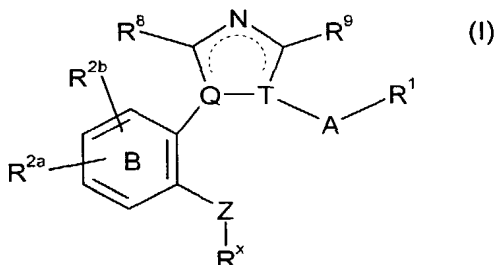
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(57) Abstract: Compounds of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof: wherein A, B, Z, R¹, R^{2a}, R^{2b}, R^x, R⁸, R⁹, Q, and T are as defined in the specification, a process for the preparation of such compounds, pharmaceutical compositions comprising such compounds and the use of such compounds in medicine.

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